

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (currently amended) A method in a data processing system for managing a messaging session, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting an input device activity by a participant with a messaging application;

resetting an internal timer within the messaging application in response to said detecting the input device activity by the participant with the messaging application;

in response to said internal timer exceeding a specified time limit,
determining [[a]] the participant has disengaged activity in the messaging session;

determining a current activity of the participant, wherein said determining further comprises determining what application is receiving the input device activity by the participant; [[and]]

detecting a preference set by the participant, wherein said preference determines how a status indication is displayed to a message recipient; and

transmitting [[a]] the status indication in accordance with said preference to another participant a message recipient in the messaging session, wherein the status indication [[that]] indicates the current activity of the participant.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the status indication is a textual message to the message recipient.

3. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the status indication is a graphic presented to the message recipient.

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the message recipient specifies how the status indication is presented to the message recipient.

5. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of determining a current activity of the participant comprises determining a current activity of the participant with a hardware system component of the data processing system

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of determining a current activity of the participant comprises determining a current activity of the participant with a software system component of the data processing system.

7. (currently amended) A data processing system for managing telephone numbers contained within a web page in accordance with user preferences, said system comprising:

means for detecting an input device activity by a participant with a messaging application;

means for resetting an internal timer within the messaging application in response to said detecting the input device activity by the participant with the messaging application;

means, responsive to said internal timer exceeding a specified time limit, for determining [[a]] the participant has disengaged activity in the messaging session;

means for determining a current activity of the participant, wherein said determining further comprises determining what application is receiving the input device activity by the participant; [[and]]

means for detecting a preference set by the participant, wherein said preference determines how a status indication is displayed to a message recipient; and

means for transmitting [[a]] the status indication in accordance with said preference to another participant the message recipient in the messaging session, wherein the status indication [[that]] indicates the current activity of the participant.

8. (original) The data processing system according to claim 7, wherein the status indication is a textual message to the message recipient.

9. (original) The data processing system according to claim 7, wherein the status indication is a graphic presented to the message recipient.

10. (original) The data processing system according to claim 7, wherein the message recipient specifies how the status indication is presented to the message recipient

11. (currently amended) The data processing system according to claim 7, wherein the ~~step of~~ means for determining a current activity of the participant comprises means for determining a current activity of the participant with a hardware system component of the data processing system.

12. (original) The data processing system according to claim 7, wherein the means for determining a current activity of the participant comprises means for determining a current activity of the participant with a software system component of the data processing system.

13. (currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a tangible machine-readable medium having stored thereon machine executable instructions that cause ~~including program logic embedded therein that causes~~ control circuitry to perform the steps of:

detecting an input device activity by a participant with a messaging application;

resetting an internal timer within the messaging application in response to said detecting the input device activity by the participant with the messaging application;

in response to said internal timer exceeding a specified time limit, determining a participant has disengaged activity in the messaging session;

determining [[a]] the current activity of the participant, wherein said determining further comprises determining what application is receiving the input device activity by the participant; [[and]]

detecting a preference set by the participant, wherein said preference determines how a status indication is displayed to a message recipient; and

transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ the status indication in accordance with said preference to ~~another participant~~ the message recipient in the messaging session, wherein the status indication ~~[[that]]~~ indicates the current activity of the participant.

14. (original) The article of manufacture of Claim 13, wherein the status indication is a textual message to the message recipient.

15. (original) The article of manufacture of Claim 13, wherein the status indication is a graphic presented to the message recipient.

16. (original) The article of manufacture of Claim 13, wherein the message recipient specifies how the status indication is presented to the message recipient.

17. (original) The article of manufacture of Claim 13, wherein the step of determining a current activity of the participant comprises determining a current activity of the participant with a hardware system component of the data processing system.

18. (original) The article of manufacture of Claim 13, wherein the step of determining a current activity of the participant comprises determining a current activity of the participant with a software system component of the data processing system.

19. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein the current activity of the participant comprises utilization of a telephone system during the messaging session.

20. (new) The method of Claim 19, wherein the data processing system for managing a messaging session includes said telephone system.